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Mary Ann Copas, Secretary

In the Application of Youngrwei Chen et al

Ser. No.: 10/004,768

Filed: December 4, 2001

For: ENERGY ATTENUATION APPARATUS FOR A CONDUIT CONVEYING LIQUID UNDER PRESSURE, SYSTEM INCORPORATING SAME, AND METHOD OF ATTENUATING ENERGY IN A CONDUIT

Art Unit: 3752

Examiner: James F. Hook

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 02/14/2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, the following comments are offered.